

## **Travis County Emergency Management**

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## Sign up to receive emergency information alerts

With severe weather in the forecast, today is a great day to register to receive alerts from the Regional Notification System (RNS). The RNS sends alerts during large-scale emergencies and major incidents that occur near you and your loved ones, using your registered contact information. Register your cellphone, landline, email address or pager to get alerts by voice call, email or text at <a href="wireless.capcog.org">wireless.capcog.org</a>. (Contact information, including phone numbers, is only used for emergency and major incident notification.)

If you do not have Internet access, you can still register to receive alerts by phone. Just call toll free 866-484-3264, and you will be prompted for your contact information.

The free RNS service, previously called the "Emergency Notification System," covers Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties. More than 10,000 people across Central Texas have registered with the Capital Area Council of Governments' newly updated RNS.

The system is used to warn people during a flood; to instruct residents during an ongoing law enforcement SWAT operation; and in the 2011 Labor Day wildfire outbreak, to contact more than 9,000 residences and businesses in Bastrop, Travis, Fayette, Caldwell, Hays and Burnet Counties.

Don't delay – it takes just 15 minutes to sign up today. To learn more about the RNS, download the frequently asked questions sheet at <a href="mailto:capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/rns/">capcog.org/divisions/homeland-security/rns/</a>. Help save a life. – Encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to join today.

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